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A QUESTION OF HONOR.

The Democrats of Virginia assembled in Richmond on Thursday to hold their State convention concerning the issue of which so many speculations have been made. The outcome of that convention, like that of the Readjusters a few weeks ago, is a matter of great public interest. In the first place, it remains to be seen whether the professions of the Bourbons are real impressions, and whether their honesty be real or affected. When Senator Mahone threw his influence with that of the Republican Senators for the organization of the U. S. Senate, the abuse of the Republican party by the Bourbons was unstinted. They had nothing but scorn for the party in power, alleging that they were turning back on all traditions and professed high principles by coalescing with a large class of citizens of Virginia who counseled the repudiation of the State debt, and State honor. Mahone had demoralized the old Democratic party by gaining a victory over it on the issue of the payment of the debt. Many Republicans maintain that the coalition with Mahone was "an unholy alliance," and the apologists of the action of a majority of the Republican Senators based their excuse on the old doctrine "the end justified the means," by the end meaning the dismemberment of the Democratic party in Virginia that had long held sway in the Old Dominion. The Democrats, North and South, and those of Virginia in particular have never ceased their howling, and it is interesting to watch the progress of the work of this convention to see if that party really does possess any of that old time commodity, "honah, sir," about which it has bragged so much. If the party be not hypocritical, and its professions were merely the exigencies of the hour and the shibboleth of a party, that "honah, sir," will compel its convention to follow out the programme mapped out by a Richmond correspondent a few days ago: "The indications seem to point pretty strongly to a policy which shall assume the whole indebtedness of the State, with a reduction in the rate of interest. This is a most delicate question, and the Democrats, if it is found expedient, will touch it very gingerly. The great trouble is that the necessities of the situation seem to demand that the convention shall give forth some very emphatic utterances on the debt question. The Readjusters claim that if the Bourbon Democrats will come out with a platform assuming the whole debt, they (the Readjusters) will sweep the State by an immense majority."

Mahone, "the little, but O, God!" Senator, has been hard at work rigging up devices by means of which he hopes to capture the Republican State Convention that is called to meet in Lynchburg next Wednesday. It is considered that Mahone is likely to control this convention. If he does, and the Democrats display any "honah, sir," we hope that the Republicans, who allow themselves to be dragged into any repudiation scheme will be utterly demoralized. There are as true Republicans in Virginia as in any other State, and they are opposed to Mahone. It is time that the loyal men of party in other States readjust Mahone back to the forlorn party of one that tricksters should be parcelled off into.

THE CANDIDATES
Prominently named for Governor by the Democrats, (and we are little concerned about the rest of the ticket,) are:
Ex-Congressman John Goode, of Norfolk; Gen. Fitz Hugh Lee, of Stafford County, a nephew of the Confederate chieftain and an old army officer; Gen. W. H. F. Lee, a son of the old commander, an old West Pointer; Gen. Jas. A. Walker, of Pulaski, the successor of Stonewall Jackson, commander of the Stonewall brigade, and the present Lieutenant Governor of the State; ex-Senator Robert E. Withers, who was a candidate for the same honor in 1869, when Mahone inaugurated the tactics somewhat similar to those he is working now. In that memorable fight Mr. Withers, who was the Democratic candidate, was forced to withdraw, and was succeeded by Gilbert C. Walker, the nominee of the Liberal Republicans, backed by Mahone and other Democrats. Major John W. Daniel is another aspirant for the nomination. He was a candidate for the same honor before the Democratic Convention of 1877, and was the most formidable opponent of Mahone, whose name was also before the same body. Connolly F. Trigg, of Washington County, will be a strong compromise candidate. He is a young man, who was pitted against Fulkerson for Congress last year in the largest Readjuster district in the State. Trigg made a splendid canvass and won many friends.

The Navajo Reservation.
Washington, Aug. 2.—The Indian Bureau has almost reached the true inwardness of the attack upon Eastman, the agent among the Navajos, who was threatened with death unless he left the reservation. When the report first reached the department, Eastman was at once telegraphed and an explanation demanded. He immediately wrote in reply, and his letter, received a few days ago, coupled with certain

testimony in the hands of the government, goes to show that the attacks upon the agent are directed by a ring of post traders and a few soldiers, who are bound to have an agent of their own selection placed at the agency. A man named Keems, of great influence among the Indians, owns a ranch on the reservation, which is in the extreme north-west of New Mexico, and has hitherto resisted all efforts on the part of the government to oust him. He has been desirous of the agency, and the post-traders have been determined to have him. On this account nearly every agent that the government has sent out has been driven from the reservation through the instrumentality of this ring, which makes it a point to incite the Indians against the agent. The government will keep Mr. Eastman upon the reservation as long as he desires to stay, and will adequately protect him. It is said that in truth that the Navajos themselves have shared no dislike to Eastman. Captain Bennett is in charge of the post, but he is in no way connected with the opposition to the agent.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

How to Get Rid of a Witness.
At the time of the cremation of Flynn on the Ocate, a couple of months ago, there was one witness—John Pacheco—who had been present and saw the whole performance and who knew all the particulars of the plot to murder Flynn, from its conception to its consummation, and who had started for this place ahead of Sheriff Wallace but had never put in an appearance; in fact he has never been seen or heard of from that time until last Wednesday when his remains, which were easily recognizable by his clothing, were found some distance from the trail in the timber. From all appearances he has been waylaid, taken some distance from the trail and hung, the rope used for the occasion having been made from the canvass lining of his coat. When found he was lying—what remained of him—on the ground, one piece of the rope still attached to the limb and the other around his neck. The rain and wind no doubt having broken it. Sheriff Wallace will investigate the matter.—Cimarron News and Press.

A Lightning Strike.
On Monday Andy Beardsley, of Ute Creek, was on top of Old Baldy during a storm and was struck by lightning. His hair was burned off, leaving his head as smooth as a billiard ball, his hat, excepting the rim, one side of his clothing, and one shoe, save the sole and heel, were burned to a cinder. One side of his body, from head to foot, was scorched and, strange as it may appear, he was only stunned. When he regained consciousness, by firing his pistol he attracted the attention of the men in Henry Messure's camp, which is situated a short distance down the side of the mountain, who came to his assistance and took him to a place of shelter.—Cimarron News and Press.

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